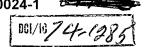
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SUBJECT:

Military Costing Review Board

TO:

Deputy to the Director of

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as above.

1. I have given careful thought to your suggestion for a "devil's advocate" and believe that it is a very good one. In the early stages of its activities, however, the Board will be required to resolve analytical differences between our two costing groups and sort out some administrative and procedural problems. It would be better, in my view, to get our confusion factor damped a bit before rattling the true believers. I believe that inclusion of a "devil's advocate" from the outset would slow down the "learning-to-walk" process.

2. I have given instructions to be kept informed of the activities of the Board and will review progress regularly. When the initial problems have been eliminated, the appointment of advocates of different viewpoints would be appropriate.

> V. P. de POIX Vice Admiral, USN

Director